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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom It May Concern,

I feel that the proposed settlement will not do enough to correct Microsoft's anticompetitive practices.

Microsoft's Windows Win32 API has become the de-facto operating system API for personal computers. The only way to restore competition in the market is to turn support for the Win32 API into a potential area of competition.

Microsoft should have to publish the complete Win32 API so that other operating systems could gain the same level of application support that Windows currently enjoys.

Microsoft should be barred from including language in their other product licenses that prohibit the use of their product on non-Microsoft operating systems.

Hardware vendors should be free from retaliation from Microsoft if they choose to sell systems without any Microsoft operating system pre-installed.

Microsoft should be heavily penalized in the event of any future discoveries of code in any of their other products that goes beyond the Win32 API specification to verify that it is running on a Microsoft operation system rather than another vendor's implementation of the API.

Thank you for your time,

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